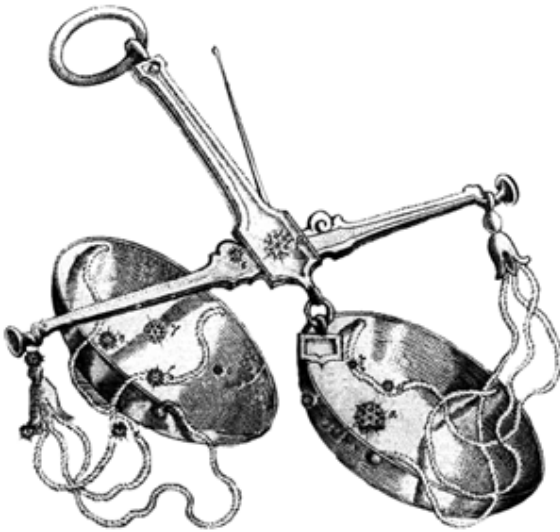


# Human Rights at American University

## A Unique Focus on Ethics and Peace and Conflict Resolution



*Training independent thinkers  
in ethical decision-making*

*Preparing students for a wide range  
of careers in international service*

## Why Study Human Rights in an Ethics or Peace and Conflict Resolution Setting?

Human rights and the study of ethics and peace and conflict resolution are integrally related. Human rights abuses are both a cause and consequence of violent conflict, and the realization of human rights is integral to the promotion of just peace. To the extent that most human rights programs address conflict, it is in relation to humanitarian law and international systems and mechanisms for enforcement. This is out of line with the reality of the human rights field, which relies heavily on extra-legal mechanisms and on the promotion of human rights norms through diplomacy, human rights institution building, education and structural elements in post-conflict reconstruction packages.

The human rights program in the International Peace and Conflict Resolution Program and the Ethics, Peace and Global Affairs Program is intended to increase students' awareness of the ethical and operational issues that policymakers, diplomats, human rights and humanitarian aid workers, soldiers, peacekeepers and civilian police face in responding to today's conflicts within the human rights framework. The program provides both substantive knowledge about the philosophical, political and legal dimensions of human rights as well as skills in conducting human rights fact-finding missions, engaging in human rights policy analysis and utilizing international human rights systems and mechanisms.

## Stream Coordinator:

**Professor Julie Mertus, Co-Director, EPGA:** human rights & U.S. foreign policy; human rights & conflict; gender; refugees

## Additional Faculty Include:

- **Professor Abdul Aziz Said, Director, IPCR:** human rights & U.S. foreign policy; human rights & Islam
- **Professor Mohammed Abu-Nimer, IPCR:** reconciliation; conflict transformation; Middle East peace negotiations; human rights and conflict
- **Professor Lucinda Peach, Co-Director, EPGA:** human rights of women; human rights and religion; ethics; moral problems
- **Professor Charles Call, IPCR:** human rights & Latin America; human rights & conflict;
- **Professor Susan Shepler, IPCR:** culture and rights; child soldiers; human rights and Africa; human rights & children
- **Professor Anthony Wanis St. John, IPCR:** ethics; negotiation and culture
- **Professor Sarah Johnson, IPCR:** human rights of refugees; humanitarianism

## Human Rights Courses

Ethics, Peace & Global Affairs  
International Peace and Conflict Resolution

### FALL COURSES (3 credits, unless noted)

#### *Undergraduate only:*

- Human Rights (300-level foundational course)
- Human Rights and Media (co-listed with Communications)
- Human Rights Honors Colloquium

#### *Graduate only:*

- Human Rights (600-level foundational course)
- Human Rights Service Learning
- Human Rights SRP (supervised paper)

#### *Graduate and Undergraduates:*

- Human Rights, Conflict & Latin America
- Youth and Conflict
- Human Rights and Development (listed under Development Div.)
- Religion, Human Rights and Ethics (Peace)(co-listed with Religion)
- Human Rights and Peacekeeping Skills Institute (1 credit)
- Special Topics Course in Human Rights

### SPRING SEMESTER

#### *Undergraduate only:*

- Human Rights (300-level foundational course)
- Special Topics Course in Human Rights

#### *Graduate only:*

- International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and Policy
- Ethics & International Affairs
- Human Rights SRP (supervised paper)

#### *Graduate and Undergraduates*

- Human Rights, Conflict & Africa
- Gender, Human Rights & Conflict
- Human Rights and Islam
- Reconciliation
- Human Rights Fact-Finding and Interview Techniques (1 credit)
- Advanced Training in Human Rights Advocacy (1 credit; permission of instructor req.)
- Special Topics Course in Human Rights

### SUMMER SEMESTER

- Human Rights and U.S. Foreign Policy (Distance Learning)
- American University/ Amnesty International Summer Institute

### Why study human rights at American University:

- Unique opportunity to combine Human Rights and Ethics or Human Rights and Conflict Resolution
- Comprehensive curriculum combining skills training with substantive topic and regional studies
- Internationally recognized faculty
- Cutting-edge skills institutes and service learning
- Washington DC internship opportunities
- Caring, supportive environment
- Excellent placement record
- Numerous campus-wide events on human rights topics
- A tradition of service

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